Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Matters of policy cannot be answered on the spur of the moment. They require greater deliberation and will be considered in a proper manner.

Mr. K. S. Panicker *(Ezhuvas-Mukundapuram)*: May I know whether the Government have accepted the London correspondent of the Indian Express as their adviser on political and communal questions?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Nothing of the sort.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: May I know when this Franchise Committee reported?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: 1935, or so.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: The Government have been pleased to state that it is premature to introduce any change. So, what is the period required for introducing a change. Now, 6 years are over.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: There is no fixed period necessary for this. It depends upon whether there has been a change in the attitude of the general public, or there has been a change outside the State. All these things will be considered.

Mr. A. V. Moothedan *(Chalakkudi)*: May I know whether the S.N.D.P. at that time passed a resolution protesting against the communal electorate?

Mr. President: Order, order. The answer to that question requires a certain amount of historical research.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: May I know whether the demands for communal electorates are increasing or decreasing in the State?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: We have not taken statistics.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri)*: Have you any information, regarding the demands for communal representation, whether it is increasing or decreasing?

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: It is not possible to answer that question.

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam)*: May I know whether the Government have any idea of opening a new franchise or de-limitation question and enquire into this matter.

Mr. A. Madhava Prabhu *(Diwan Peishkar)*: Not at present.

RATIONING OF RICE AND KEROSENE

127. Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakuuathukavu)*: Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether the order granting rations was left to depend upon the stock in hand in the Fair Price Shops and Depots or whether Government did place sufficient stock for the purpose at the disposal of the shops;

(*b*) whether Government are aware that from the morning of the 25th of Chingam there was not an ounce of kerosene oil of any kind in the depot of Vadakkancheri and the shops to be supplied by the depot;

(*c*) if the answer to (*b*) is in the affirmative, will Government be pleased to state wherein the responsibility for the failure of stock lies;

(*d*) if the failure is of the Supply Department will they (Government) be pleased to take note of this dereliction; and

(*e*) are Government aware of the actual absence of rice or paddy in shops on the 26th Chingam 1119?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*:

(*a*) Sufficient stock is being placed at the disposal of the depots and Fair Price Shops and shops of retailers.

(*b*) No. Excepting the retail shop of Mr. K. Viswanatha Ayyar, there was kerosene oil in all retail shops in the Vadakkancheri Town including the Fair Price Shop, Enkakad and the sub-depot, Vadakkancheri.

(*c*) The responsibilty lies with Mr. Viswanatha Ayyar with regard to his shop.

(*d*) See answer to (*c*).

(*e*) No.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I know whether the shop of Mr. Viswanatha Ayyar is to get supply from the Depot at Vadakkancheri?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies)*: Yes.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu)*: May I know whether there was stock in the Depot for supply to that shop?

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Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes.

Mr. K. Narayana Menon *(Mulakunnathukavu):* Will Government be pleased to assure it as a fact?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes.

Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar *(Nellayi):* Was Mr. Viswanatha Ayyar asked any explanation for not giving kerosene oil?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* I want notice.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* With regard to sub-section (*b*), has it been ever brought to the attention of the Hon'ble Member for Civil Supplies that there were occasional shortage of kerosene oil in the Azhikkode Depot.

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Has he taken any steps to see that shortages do not occur in the future?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes.

Mr. K. M. Ibrahim *(Cranganur):* Thank you.

SPECIAL ALLOWANCE—GRAIN PURCHASE STAFF

128. **Mr. C. V. Iyyu** *(Kunnamkulam):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) whether Government is giving any special allowance to the Grain Purchasing Staff of the Revenue Department;

(*b*) if so, what are the amounts given to each;

(*c*) if the answer is in the negative, will Government be pleased to inform the House as to why no allowance is granted for the officers responsible for such an important work as the Grain Purchase?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):*

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) The Grain Purchasing Tahsildars are given an allowance of 25 per cent of their officiating pay, if their work is found to be satisfactory by the Director of Food Supplies. The work of the Revenue Inspectors engaged in this work will be reviewed monthly by the Grain Purchasing Tahsildars and those whose work is specially good will be given an extra allowance of Rs. 10 per mensem by the Director of Food Supplies. Those whose work do not come to the expected standard will be given no allowance.

The Parvathiams and masapadies who do this work will also be given an extra allowance of Rs. 5 each per mensem if the work is certified by the Grain Purchasing Tahsildars to be specially meritorious Those whose work is not specially satisfactory will get nothing.

(*c*) The question does not arise in view of the answers to sub-division (*a*) and (*b*).

Mr. C. V. Iyyu *(Kunnamkulam):* May I know whether the Government feel that these allowances are sufficient to meet the extra expenses they have to spend?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* No one thinks that the allowance is sufficient. It is an encouragement to do good work.

Mr. K. T. Achyuthan *(Ezhuvas Talappalli):* May I know whether all the Grain Purchasing Tahsildars get the allowance?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes, except Cranganur Tahsildar whose work is light.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* What is the extra expense that these officers have to incur?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* I want notice.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* Do they incur any expense whatsoever?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* I want notice.

Mr. A. B. Salem *(Mattancheri):* You want notice even for that?

Rao Sahib M. M. Paul *(Director of Food Supplies):* Yes.

MILLING OF RICE—LICENSE FOR—PARTICULARS OF

129. **Mr. K. Kunhirama Menon** *(Cheruthuruthi):* Will Government be pleased to state.—

(*a*) the names of rice milling companies in the Trichur and Talappalli Taluks to whom licenses have been issued to take delivery of paddy purchased by Government;

(*b*) the names of villages fixed by Government for each company to take delivery of their stock of paddy.

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